from such charges vary from year to year. Such charges usually form part of the agreement between the bank and the customer. Banks justify such charges stating superiority of service and value add-ons offered by them.

Losses due to flight delays during winters

*57. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay of flights, particularly during winters has become an order of the day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on an average 10-12 flights are delayed per hour;

(c) if so, what is the total additional fuel incurred for delay of flights in a year and what is the amount lost due to delay of flights annually;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Indian Airlines does not maintain any data for the extra-fuel spent due to delay of flights; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Restoration of monuments

*58. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of threat to the Konark Temple, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have prepared a list of such monuments that need restoration urgently;

(c) whether the country have expertise in restoring the monuments;

(d) whether Government plan to introduce specialized courses to impart skilled training on restoration of the monuments;

(e) if so, the details thereof and what are the resource agencies identified to impart such training; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is no threat to the structural stability of the temple complex. However due to inherent porous nature of the Khondalite rock used in the construction of the temple distress is noticed at lower most row of the superstructure at the south east side. The exterior surface of the temple is also exposed to constant saline action due to salt laden winds from the sea which is another cause of deterioration.

(b) Annual conservation programme is prepared based on the priorities and conservation needs of the monuments. Depending upon the condition of a monument whenever distress is observed, structural repairs are taken up.

(c) ASI has the requisite expertise in conservation and preservation of monuments.

(d) to (f) Restoration works are carried out by engaging traditional skilled artisans and no training programme is envisaged for such artisians.

In so far as the ASI personnel engaged in conservation/restoration are concerned, in service programmes for upgrading skills are organized by Institute of Archaeology. They are also deputed to attend national and international courses, symposiums or workshops on conservation related matters.

Infrastructure status for hotels

*59. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hotel and Restaurant Association of India has demanded infrastructure status for hotels, if so, the details of their demand;

(b) whether the demand has been considered and any decision taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?